Lockheed Martin Awarded $35 Million Contract To Modernize Brazilian Navy Submarine Force

Lockheed Martin was awarded a $35 million contract to deliver advanced, open-architecture combat systems that will modernize four Tupi-class submarines, one Tikuna-class submarine and one shore-based trainer system for the Brazilian Navy.

Under a contract administered by the U.S. Navy, as part of a foreign military sale for weapons and combat systems to the Brazilian Navy, Lockheed Martin will provide systems engineering, sensors, software and electronics for the modernization of the diesel submarines' control, combat management, sonar and fire control and weapons launch systems.

The modernized systems will provide the Brazilian Navy tangible improvements in overall submarine performance with dramatically improved war fighting capability. At the same time, it will improve the Brazilian Navy's ability to operate with naval forces of the U.S. and other allies.

The new, open-architecture submarine combat systems also will provide the Brazilian Navy with improved computer processing capacity, component redundancy and reconfiguration capability. This will increase availability with reduced spare parts requirements, thereby reducing the through life cost of ownership. This modernization effort also will enable the Brazilian submarine force to defer future obsolescence of its combat system.

This modernization effort complements the recent decision by the Brazilian Navy to acquire the MK 48 Mod 6AT heavyweight torpedo from the U.S. government as a replacement for existing torpedo inventories. Lockheed Martin was selected after a competition conducted by DGMM, the Brazilian Navy material acquisition agency.

To accelerate delivery of the capabilities to the Brazilian Navy's submarine force, Lockheed Martin will leverage proven sonar and combat systems technology that has been developed for allied navies' diesel-electric submarine programs.

"We look forward to this opportunity to bring critical technologies, capabilities and skills to the Brazilian Navy for the benefit of its submarine force," said Denise Saiki, vice president and general manager of Lockheed Martin's Undersea Systems business unit. "As a leading and experienced systems integrator of submarine sonar systems, Lockheed Martin offers a proven, open architecture system to address the Brazilian Navy's need for phased implementation of a Commercial-off-the-shelf (COTS)/Open Architecture (OA) solution."

Headquartered in Bethesda, Md., Lockheed Martin employs about 140,000 people worldwide and is principally engaged in the research, design, development, manufacture, integration and sustainment of advanced technology systems, products and services. The Corporation reported 2007 sales of $41.9 billion.

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